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### Local Jamestown 2007 Programs Focus on Changing Landscape

Find out how the land around us has changed during the last four centuries. Explore these changes via workshops and on naturalist-led walks through Fairfax County parks this spring. Several Fairfax County Park Authority programs allow participants to examine native plants that helped generations survive, learn which were introduced by settlers and take a closer look at our local native wildlife.

Share the pleasures of discovery with Birds and Breakfast on Saturday, April 22, 2006 from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park. Birders will get a hand-out referencing birds seen by Captain John Smith (red-winged blackbirds, kestrels, bald eagles, Canada geese, and great blue heron) when he traveled on the Potomac River, and then walk in the park to see some of these birds. Reservations are required and the program costs \$5 per person. For reservations call 703-768-2525.

Huntley Meadows Park, located at Harrison Lane and Lockheed Boulevard in Alexandria, may be reached by taking Beltway Exit 177A which is Richmond Highway or Route 1 south for three and a half miles to a right on Lockheed Boulevard. The park entrance is approximately three blocks down on the left at Harrison Lane.

Hidden Oaks Nature Center offers visitors a look at wildflowers and considers what the Jamestown colonists found when they first arrived. The program, appropriate for adults, takes place on Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 1 to 2pm. Walk along the trail to the native wildflower garden to discover plants enjoyed by the settlers. Discover through a slideshow the plants Europeans introduced for food and medicine. Learn which of these alien plants remain in today's field and forest. Reservations and advanced payment are required. Cost is \$4 per person. Call 703-941-1065.

Hidden Oaks, located at 7701 Royce Street in Annandale, may be reached by taking Beltway Exit 52B which is Little River Turnpike or Route 236 east to the first traffic light at Hummer Road. Turn left on Hummer Road and then left at the park entrance.

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